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DRIVING EV TECH & TALENT

Revolution in Motion Shaping the Future Landscape of Sustainable Mobility

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Clean Electricity
Production

- Low cost, sustainable, electron production

Robust
Grid

- Getting electrons to chargers when the driver wants

Available
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- Home, workplace, public

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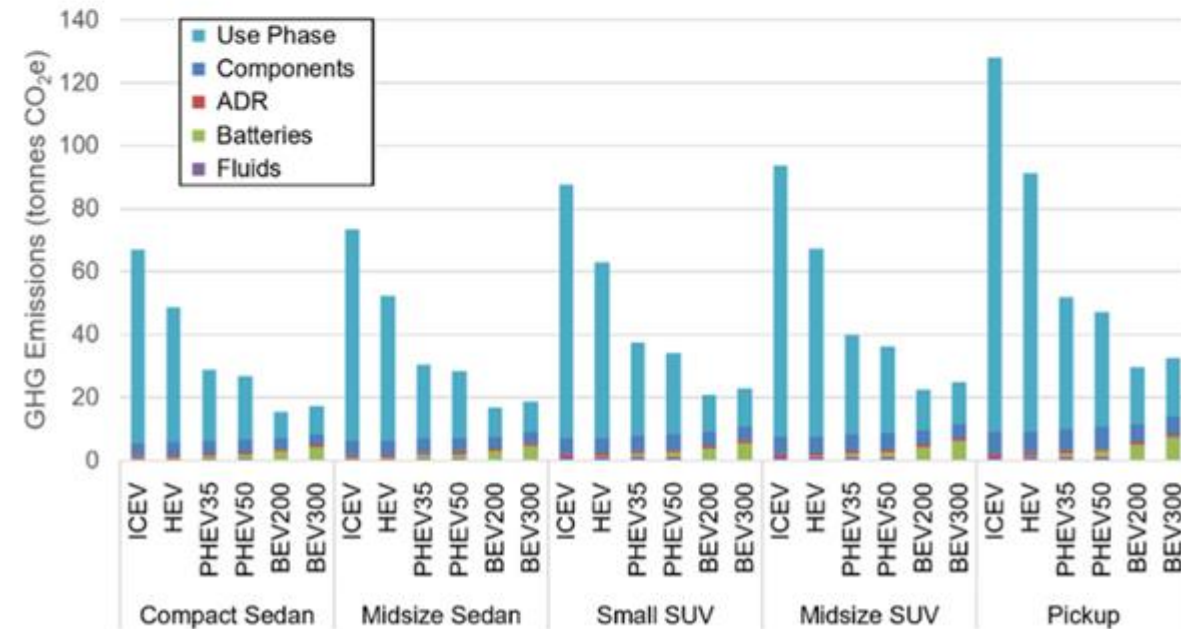
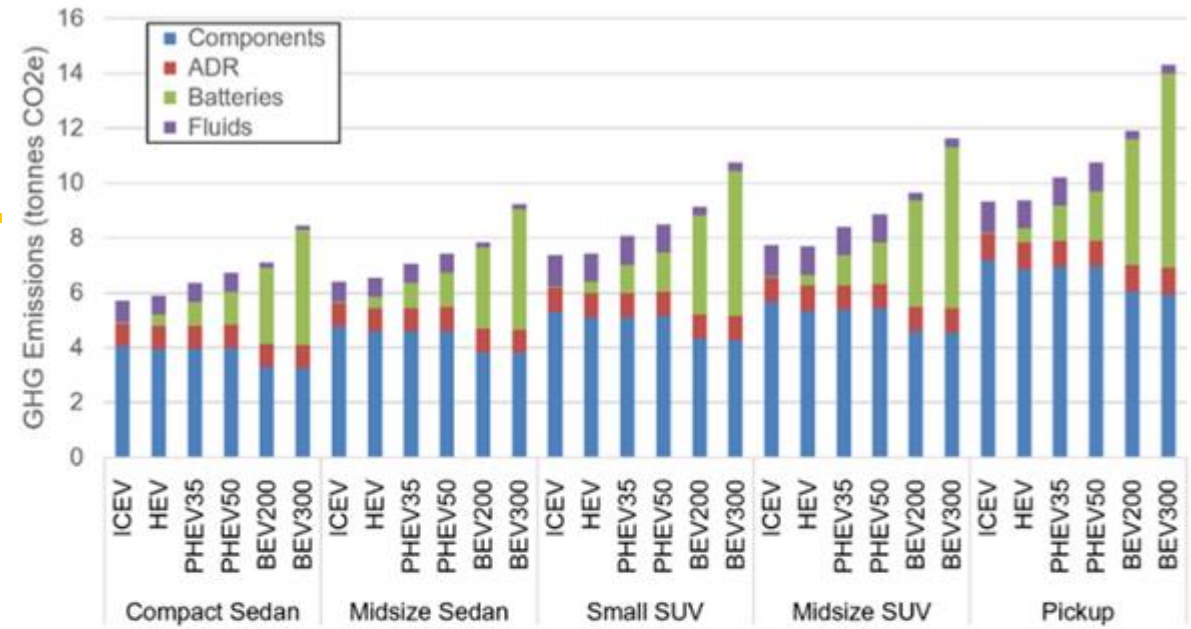


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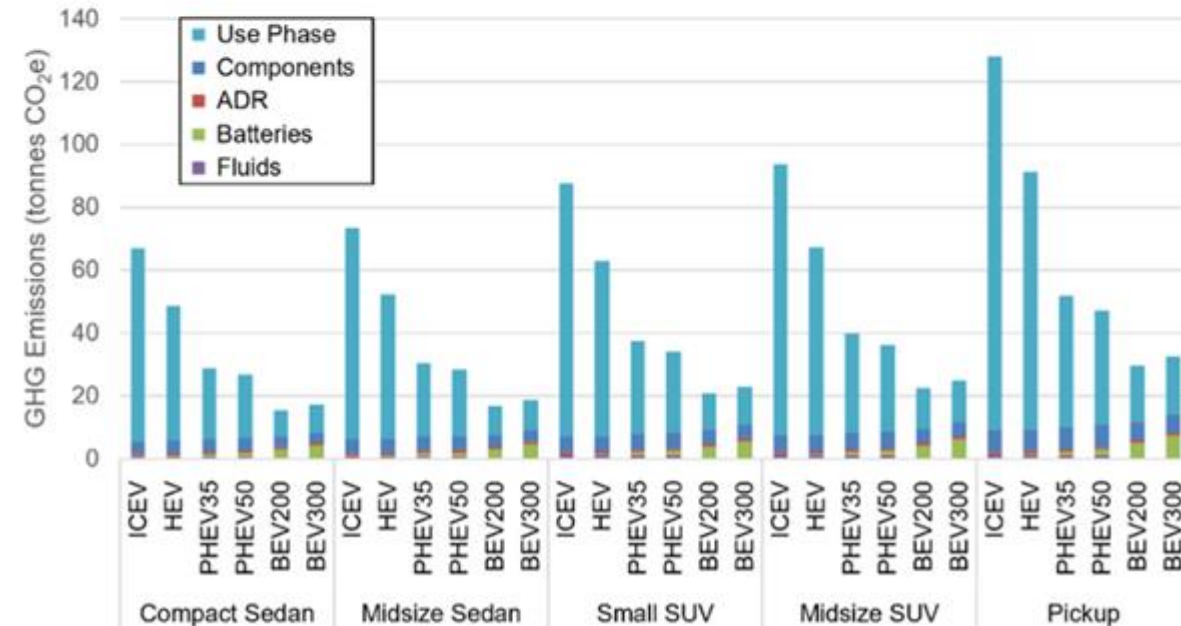
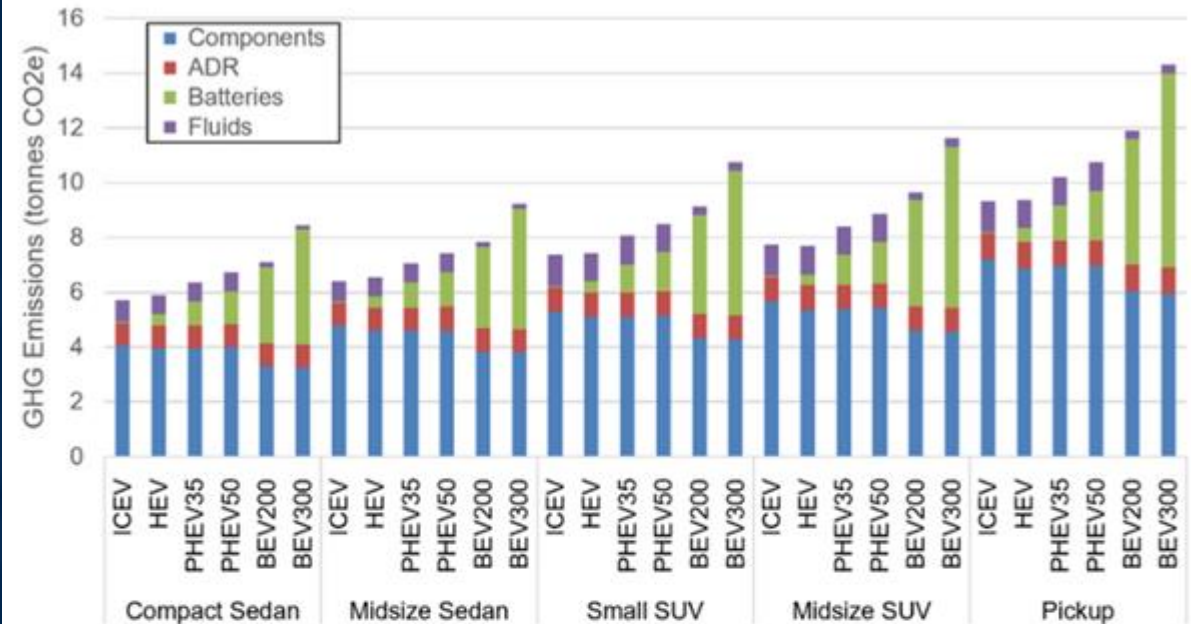
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Greenhouse Gas Reductions Driven by Vehicle Choice and Use Patterns

Elizabeth Smith¹, Maxwell Woody², Timothy J Wallington¹, Christian Hitt¹, Hyung Chul Kim³, Alan I Taub^{1,4,5}, Gregory A Keoleian^{1,2} (to be submitted)

Takeaway

- Electrified vehicles offer benefits to ICEVs nationwide in all counties

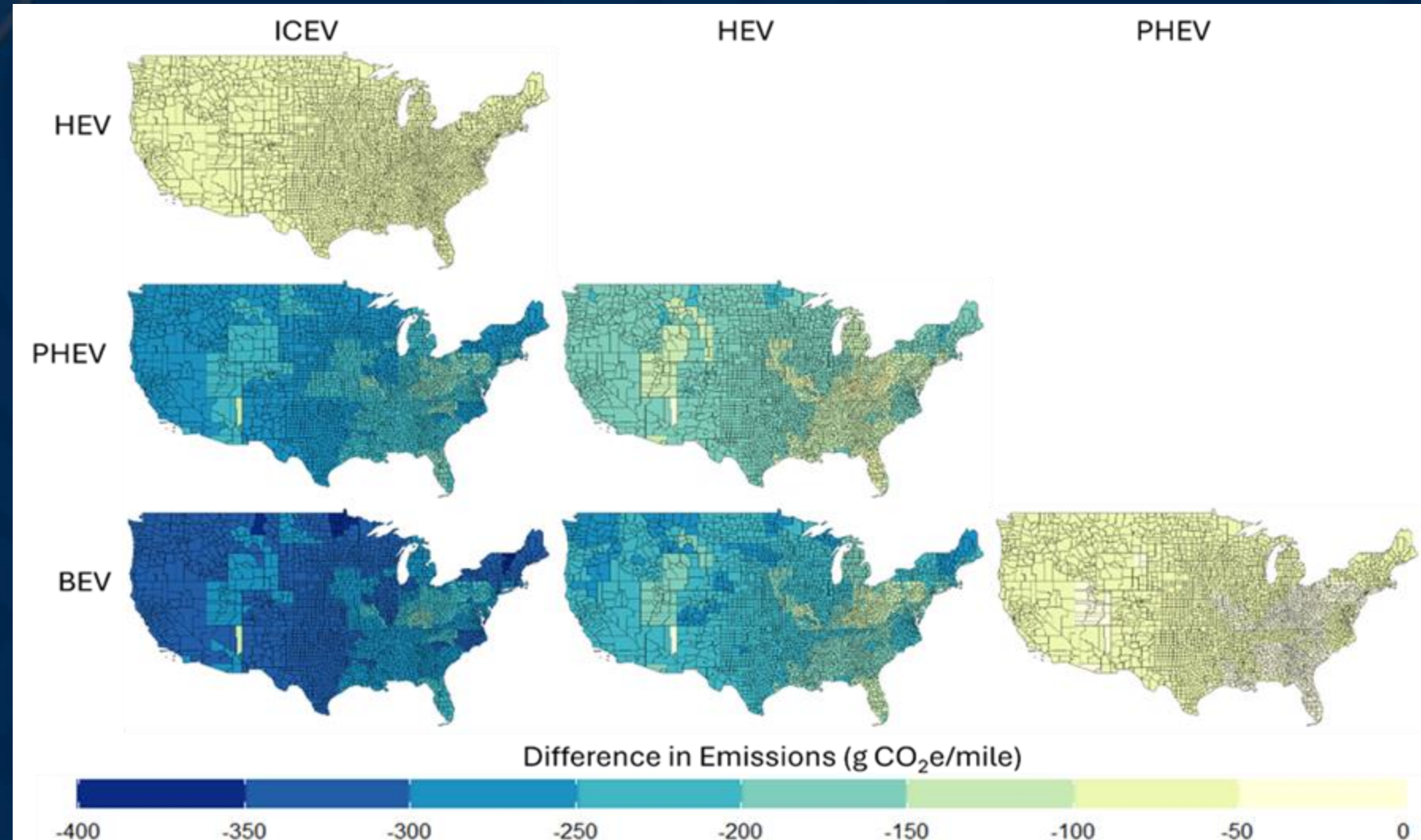


Figure 3: Lifecycle emissions (g CO₂e/mile) benefits of increased electrification (powertrains on the vertical axis replace those on the horizontal axis, e.g., left-hand column shows benefits of HEV, PHEV, and BEV replacing an ICEV) for a midsize SUV across the U.S.

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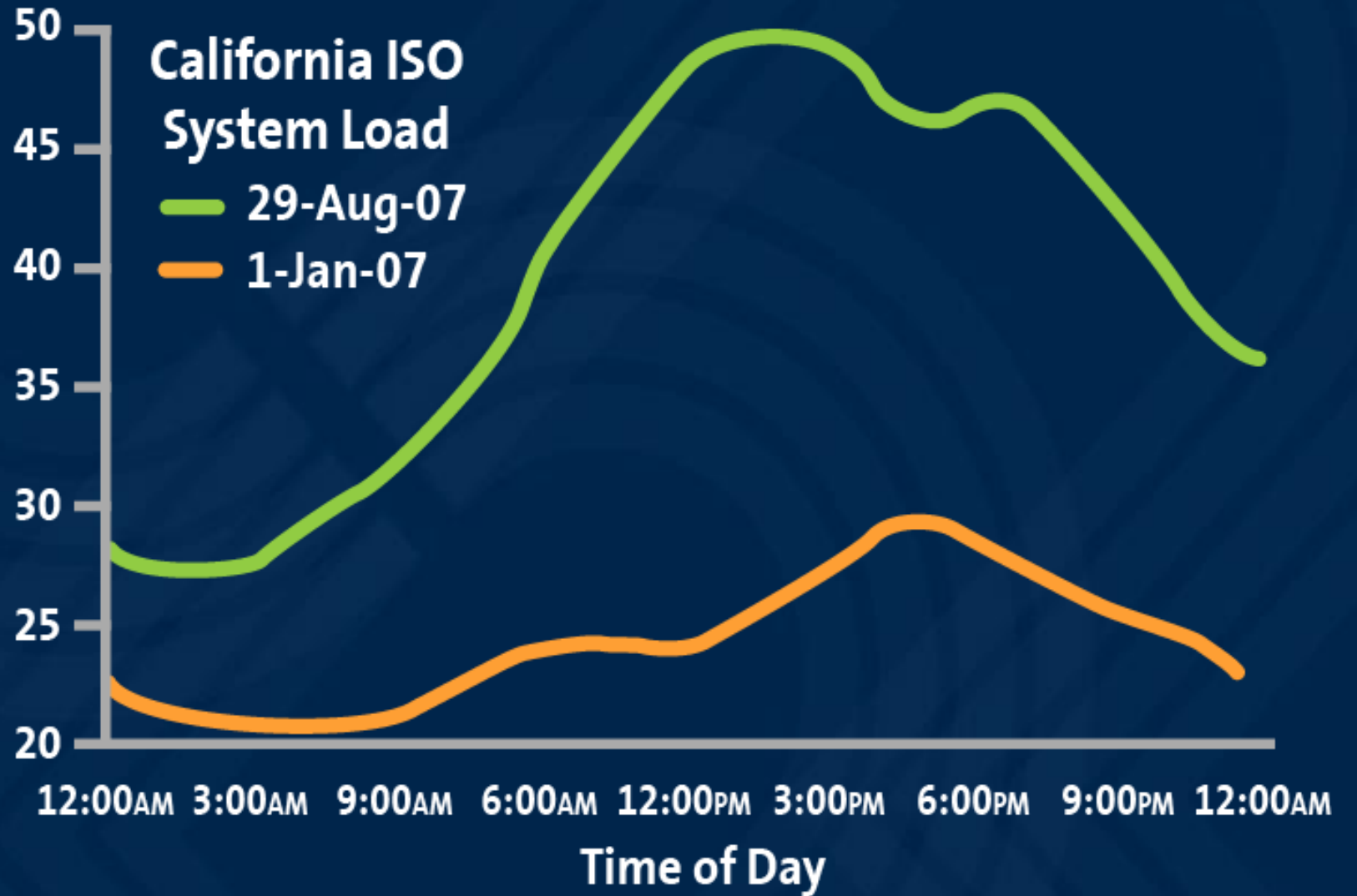
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Electric Grid Designed for Peak Demand

Note data is from 2007 but trends are same today



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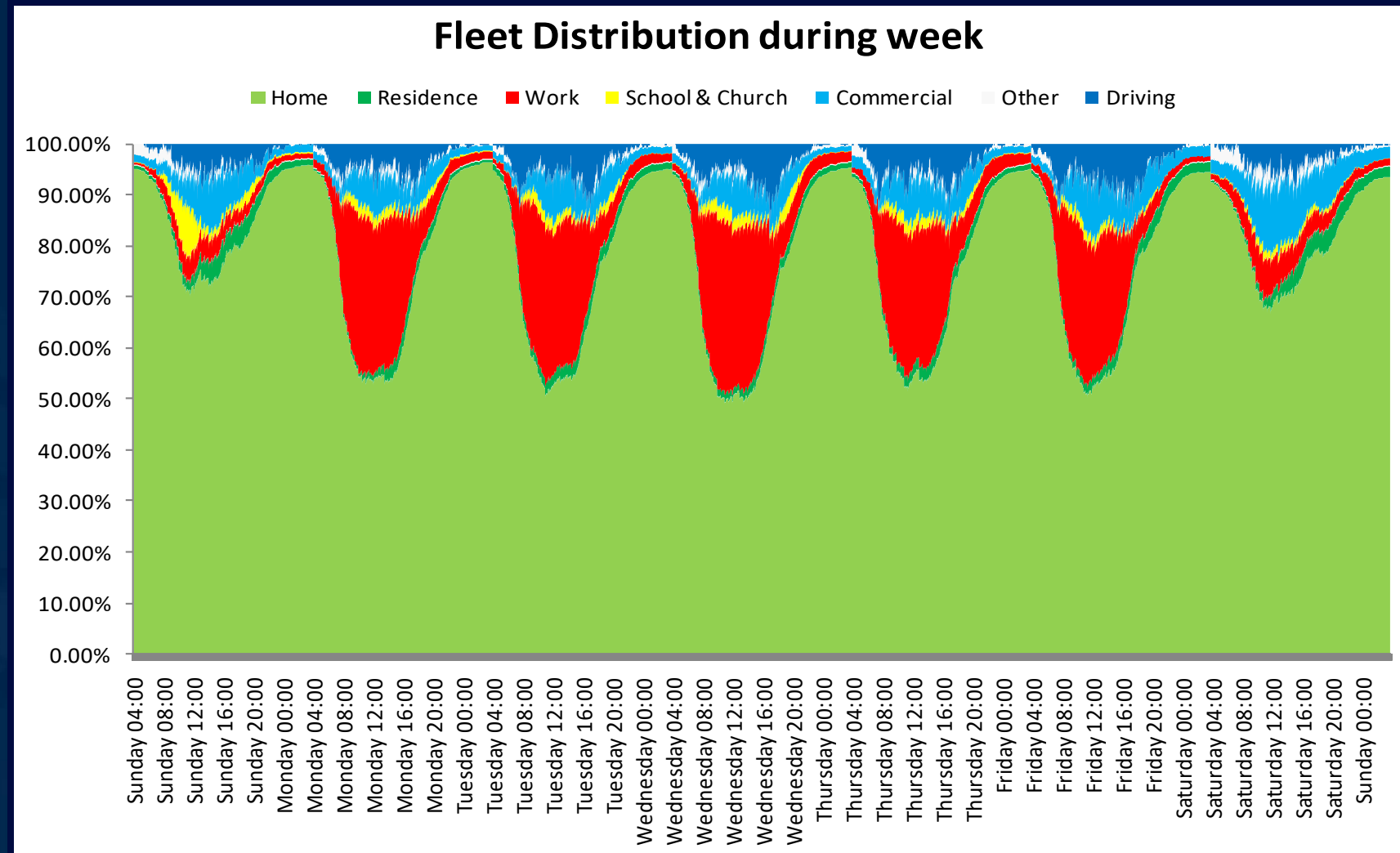


Battery Electric Vehicle Charging

- BEV charging is more flexible and at the same time more challenging
- Where do we place the chargers?



Where Are the Cars?



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Battery Technology Challenges

1. Increase energy density for range / weight reduction
2. Improve battery runaway safety
3. Cost <\$100 / kWhr
4. Last life of vehicle
5. Last life of vehicle with extensive ultrafast charging

Required for Cost of Ownership BEV < ICEV

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- **Can we get there by 2030?**
- **Requires gov't/academic/industry collaboration/coordination**





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Director Alan Taub
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\$130M Electric
Vehicle Center at U-M

Our Mission

We Educate,
Innovate
& Engage
to Accelerate
the Future of
Electric Mobility



Our Vision

To Make Michigan
the E-Motor Capital*



*and to Make Detroit the E-Motor City

Industry Engagement

- Goal is to work with industry to establish the high-level priorities on Technology, Workforce Development, and Education
- Execute resulting roadmap project portfolio as a partnership of academia, industry, and government



Strategic Pillars

- **Facilities Expansion**
- Education
- Workforce Development
- Technology
- Foundation:
 - Excellence
 - Collaboration



M | BATTERY LAB 1.0

Pilot Scale Capabilities

- Mixing up to 10 L / batch
- Roll-to-roll processing of webs up to 300mm wide
- 675 sq. ft. -40°C dew point dry room housing:
 - 18650 assembly line
 - Prismatic pouch assembly line (72x110 mm – up to 10 Ah)

Characterization

- ~300 cycler channels (30μA – 50A)
- Full suite of analytical tools
- Accelerating Rate Calorimeter for thermal abuse testing

Solid State

- 475 sq. ft. -40°C dew point dry room housing:
 - Mixing
 - Coating
 - Prismatic pouch assembly (45x58 mm)
- Lithium metal deposition
- Sputter coating tool for films and powders



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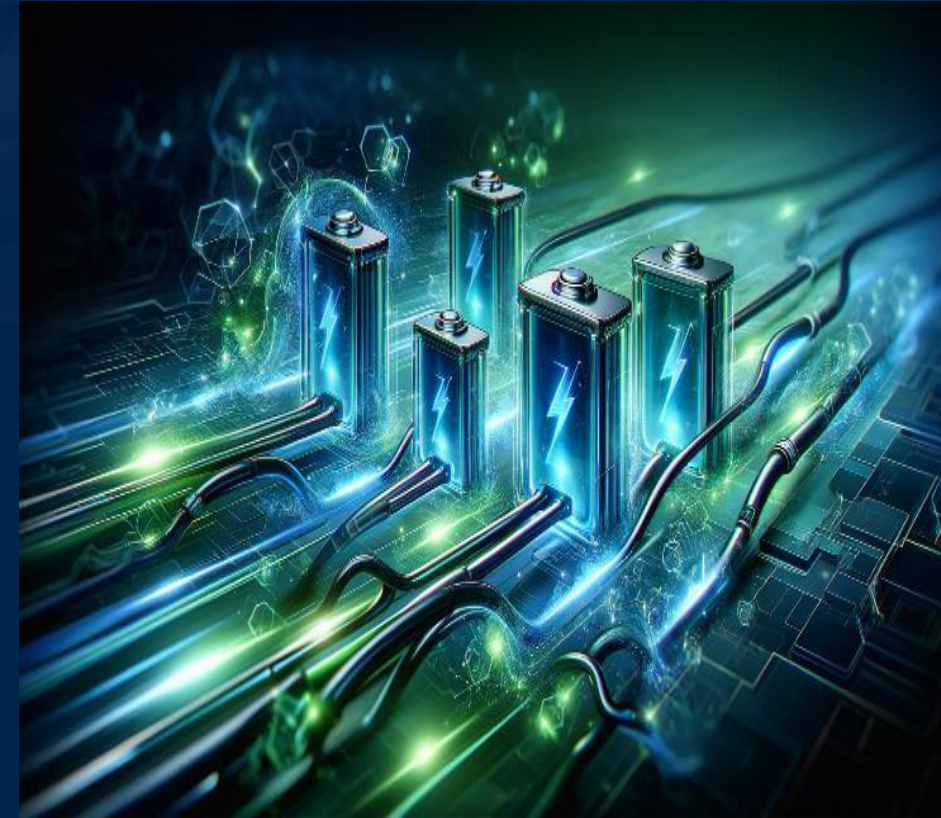
- Ellsworth leased building, capabilities will include:
 - Cylindrical cells
 - 18650
 - 21700
 - Capacity of ~5Ah
 - Pouch cells
 - 45 x 58mm
 - 72x110mm
 - 100x150mm
 - Capacity up to ~60Ah
 - Coin cells
- Pilot line equipment factory sign-off



M | BATTERY LAB 3.0

New / Enhanced Facilities

- Completed programming requirements for new facility to house Electric Vehicle Center
 - Working with design team to finalize planning that meets requirements and available budget
- Exploring opportunities and technical requirements for enhanced educational facilities, including potential synergies with existing facilities and programs
 - \$500K donation for educational equipment



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Industry-Driven Priorities



Undergraduate, Graduate,
and Professional Education



Workforce Transformation



Foster Collaboration



Energize Organization
Transformation



Sparking PK-12 Minds



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Master's in Battery Engineering (in development)

- A proposed 27 credit hour curriculum could be completed in 1 year (with a spring semester laboratory)
- A new undergrad/graduate course in battery manufacturing in development
- Partnership with SEAS (Environment and Sustainability) and CFE (Entrepreneurship) for electives that provide a broad experience
- Hand on learning opportunities for battery system engineering and testing
 - HIL BMS programming lab
 - Leverage Faculty expertise and testing labs in EV thermal management and optimization
- Option for an online degree program offering after first residential cohort

Occupation Target: Engineer



Undergraduate Research Experiences in EV Tech

- EVC sponsored an inaugural cohort of 5 students for the Research Experiences Undergraduate (REU) in EV Tech
- EVC students joined with M-SHORE, MRSEC and NSF EFRI programs (a total cohort of 42 students) hosted at the Lurie Nanofabrication facility at U-M
- Each student received a stipend, housing, on-campus programming, and worked in faculty research lab alongside other graduate students on real-world problems
- The REU students presented lightning talks and posters on their research to culminate many weeks of hard work



Occupation Target: Graduate Student Researcher



Employer Portal (in development)

- Focus on efficient access to EV sector opportunities for employers
- Engagement with members to drive content and functionality
- Drafting request-for-proposals with successful vendor to advise on:
 - Portal design and functionality
 - Content scope
 - Content update strategies (e.g., manual, automated data feeds, user-generated submissions)
 - Opportunities for personalization



Target: All EV employers

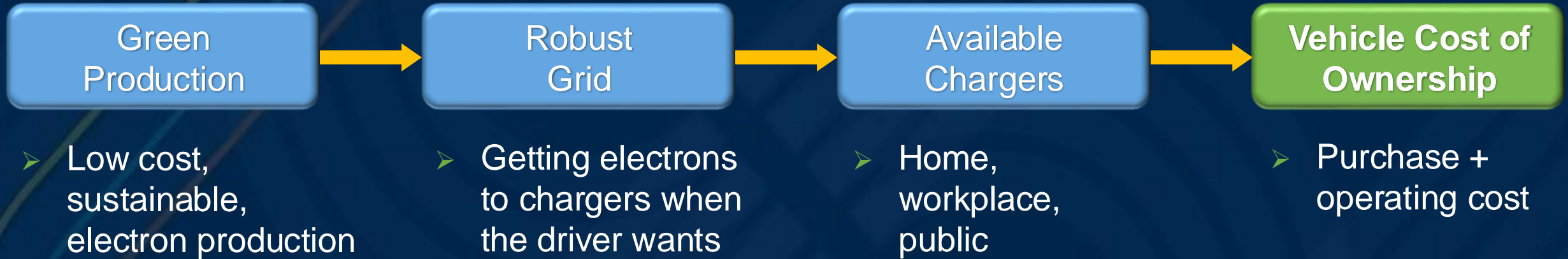


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U-M EVC Prioritization of Industry Technology Needs

- Batteries
- Electric Machines & Drives
- Vehicle/Component End-of-Life
- Thermal Management
- Light-weighting
- Raw Materials & Supply Chain
- Electric Infrastructure & Charging Equipment
- Data Collection, Modelling & Analysis



Reduce cost of BEV ownership and manufacturing carbon footprint

“Fueling” experience
Mobility experience



Electric Vehicle Center

Driving EV Tech & Talent

At the University of Michigan's new Electric Vehicle Center (EVC), we educate, innovate and engage to accelerate the future of electric mobility.

Fueled by a \$130 million investment from the state of Michigan's Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO), we drive EV tech and talent by uniting researchers, educators and industry leaders to tackle challenges and expand opportunities in transitioning to vehicle electrification.


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Building on the success of our first academia-industry tech workshop in June on batteries and electric drives, [Alan Taub](#) and the EV Center held a second all-day session this week, bringing together over 70 U-M Engineering faculty and ...more





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Greg Keoleian

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Jane McCurry
Clean Fuels Michigan

December 10

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Richard Mueller
DTE Energy

December 16

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